



MICHIGAN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 12:00 p.m. Room 326 House Office Building

Representative Runestad, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Chair Runestad requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Reps. Runestad, Theis, Howrylak, Cole, Hornberger, LaFave, Greimel, Robinson, and Sowerby.

Absent: Rep. Guerra.

Excused: Rep. Guerra.

Representative Greimel moved to approve the minutes of the February 14th, 2017 meeting. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair invited Chief Justice Markman, to give a presentation on the Michigan Supreme Court. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair invited Judge Talbot to give a presentation on the Court of Appeals. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid the committee at ease, the time being 12:37 p.m.

The Chair called the committee to order, the time being 12:38 p.m.

The Chair laid House Joint Resolution G before the committee:

HJR G (Vaupel) Courts; judges; age limit for election of or appointment to a judicial office; eliminate.

Representative Vaupel and Judge Michael Hatty, testified in support of the joint resolution.

Judge Leduc, Judge Marlinga, and Judge Switalski, testified in support of the joint resolution.

Bruce Timmons testified in opposition to the joint resolution.

Peter Cunningham, representing the State Bar of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in support of the joint resolution, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid SB 39 before the committee:

SB 39 (Jones) Probate; other; exceptions to definition of surviving spouse in relation to a funeral representative; revise.

Senator Jones and Phil Douma, representing the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Barb Farrah, representing the Michigan Cemetery Association submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:57 p.m.

Representative Runestad, Chair

Matthew Carnagie
Committee Clerk
February 21st, 2017

Date Approved and Signed